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Gwen M. Boniface

Commissioner La Commissaire

File #610-00

August 18, 1999

Mr. Gary Nichols
Councillor,
Region of Haldimand-Norfolk and
Township of Delhi
President, Nichols Gravel Limited
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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Thank you for the copy of your letter, which was addressed to the Honourable Robert Runciman, regarding incidents involving employees of the Township of Delhi. I am pleased to respond on behalf of Mr. Runciman. I also acknowledge the copy of your letter of July 16, 1999, addressed to Inspector Norm Denckert of the Haldimand-Norfolk Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Detachment.

I understand that the local Crown Attorney reviewed the investigation into the theft of money by a former employee of the Township of Delhi. As the former employee repaid the amount involved and resigned from the township, the laying of criminal charges is subject to the discretion of the victim or someone acting under the authority of the victim. The decision to not lay criminal charges was made by the township's Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Chief of the Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Police and the Crown Attorney.

The payment of money for overtime to another employee of the township was approved by the members of the township council. Although you disagree with the decision, the council members did not commit an illegal act.

As no criminal wrongdoing was committed in either of these issues, the OPP will not conduct further investigations.

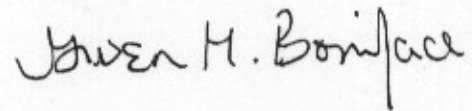
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I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwen M. Boniface". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'G' and 'B'.

Gwen M. Boniface

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c: The Honourable Michael D. Harris, Premier of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
The Honourable Lawrence McAulay, Solicitor General of Canada
Mr. Toby Barrett, MPP, Haldimand-Norfolk-Brant